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POLOFF IN QUANG NGAI HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARD-
ING THE TWO MOST RECENT ICCS INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED COMMUNIST
VIOLATIONS IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE:

1. CANDELS OF ICCS CHU LAI TEAM INFORMED CONGEN QUANG NGAI AREA
TEAM MEMBERS ON APRIL 7 THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE UN-
COPPERATIVE ATTITUDE OF HUNGDEL AND POLDEL. CANDELS CITED AS
EXAMPLE RECENT INVESTIGATION OF MARCH 29 COMMUNIST ROCKET ATTACK
NEAR DUC PHO DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS. ALTHOUGH ALL FOUR CHIP DELE-
GATIONS HAD AGREED TO INVESTIGATE ROCKET INCIDENT, HUNGDEL AND
POLDEL DELAYED FOR ONE WEEK WITH THE EXCUSE THAT MORE TIME WAS
NEEDED TO PREPARE THE GROUNDWORK. BY CONTRAST, CANDEL REQUIRED
ONLY A FEW MINUTES ON THE TELEPHONE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS
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RELATIVELY UNCOMPLICATED INVESTIGATION. ON APRIL 6, THE CANDEL AND INDODEL FINALLY WENT AHEAD IN TWO- PARTY INVESTIGATION.

2. ON APRIL 10, THE CHU LAI ICCS TEAM WITH FULL CHIP PARTICIPATION CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION OF AN INCIDENT IN WHICH COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS ENTERED PHU CUONG HAMLET (BS 721709) ON APRIL 5, BURNED 20 HOUSES AND KILLED TWO MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL PF FORCE. THE HUNGARIANS CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE CROSS EXAMINATIONS OF THE VICTIMS AND WITNESSES AT PHU CUONG IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH WHETHER THE HAMLET HAD BEEN UNDER GVN CONTROL AND WHAT EVIDENCE THERE WAS THAT THE COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS HAD INITIATED THE ATTACK.

3. LOCAL GVN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE DISTRICT CHIEF, FELT THAT THE HUNGARIAN TACTICS SEEMED DIRECTED AT FINDING SOME PRETEXT FOR INVALIDATING THE CEASEFIRE COMPLAINT. ONE SENIOR GVN MILITARY OFFICER WAS PARTICULARLY IRRITATED BY WHAT HE REGARDED AS HUNGARIAN INSINUATIONS THAT THE GVN HAD STAGED THE WHOLE SCENE FOR THE ICCS' BENEFIT; HE EXPRESSED HIS OPINION THAT " THE OFFICER PRESENT AT THE INVESTIGATION, THE PU CUONG VILLATERS APPEARED TO REGARD THE ENTIRE INVESTIGATION AS MEANINGLESS. BROWN BUNKER

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